Special Topics: The Use of Medications in Psychoanalysis
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Third Year Candidates

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Objectives:
The increasing frequency of psychotropic medication utilization by patients in psychoanalysis promoted the addition of this course on Medication and Psychoanalysis into the curriculum. Advances in neurobiology and psychoanalysis, incorporated into models of mind and brain, are utilized to conceptualize the integration of psychoanalysis with pharmacotherapy and to serve to answer questions related to the wisdom of such integration. The impact of medication and pharmacologic management on the psychoanalytic situation; on psychoanalytic listening, process, and transference/counter-transference; and on the psychoanalytic frame, boundaries and privacy will be studied. Discussion of fantasy, action and enactment relating to medications allows a focus on technical questions involving intervention and interpretation. The seminar will culminate in the application of these considerations to a discussion of cases using combined and split treatments.

* = Available on P.E.P. and will not be provided to you by the Institute. Optional Readings also not provided.

Week 1: The impact of medication on the psychoanalytic situation.


Suggested additional reading:


**Week 3:** The meanings of medication and pharmacotherapy in fantasy, action, enactments to understand the role of intervention and interpretation.


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**Week 4:** The effect of pharmacotherapy on the psychoanalytic frame and boundaries in split treatment modalities.


**Week 5:** Applying psychoanalytic understanding of medication treatment in psychoanalysis to combined and split treatment case discussions.